Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant Ronald L. Meland's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant Meland has devoted more than 34 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader of Airmen, dedicating himself to the mission of the South Dakota Air National Guard, United States Air Force, and the Security Operations at Joe Foss Field at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

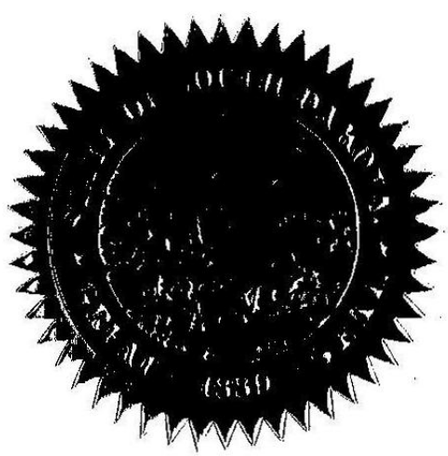
Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant Meland's leadership was critical in the deployment of the 114th Security Forces Squadron, South Dakota Air National Guard, twelve times since September 11, 2001; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Chief Master Sergeant Ronald L. Meland for more than 34 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2010, as

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RONALD L. MELAND DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State